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TAGS: OEXC IVP BB (SANDIFORD, L. ERSKINE)

SUBJ: EDX: NOMINATION OF L. ERSKINE SANDIFORD FOR FY 75 IVP GRANT

REFS: (A) STATE 30982 (B) BTN 0189

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF (A) THE EMBASSY NOMINATES L. ERSKINE SANDIFORD, MINISTER OF EDUCATION, YOUTH AFFAIRS, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SPORT, BARBADOS, FOR A FULL 30-DAY GRANT FOR OBSERVATION AND CONSULTATION UNDER THE FY INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAM (CODE 210).

2A. SIGNIFICANT POSITIONS: SINCE AUGUST 1967, SENATOR AND MINISTER OF EDUCATION, YOUTH, COMM. DV. & SPORT; PRESIDENT, DEMOCRATIC LABOUR PARTY (RULING PARTY) SINCE SEPTEMBER, 1974, MEMBER OF COUNCIL, UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES.

2B. PAST POSITIONS: PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRIME MINISTER (1966-67); TUTOR, EXTRA-MURAL DEPARTMENT OF UWI, BARBADOS (1963-65).

3. PERSONAL DATA: DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: MAY 31, 1931
BARBADOS; CITIZENSHIP: BARBADIAN

4. TRAVEL ABROAD: US - SEVERAL VISITS ON GOVERNMENT BUSINESS
- 1968 TO 1973.

PARIS: 1968, 1970, 1972, 1974

AUSTRALIA: 1971

LONDON: 1968, 1970, 1972, 1974

JAMAICA: FREQUENT

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TRINIDAD & TOBAGO: INTERMITTENTLY

ITALY: 1974

(MR. SANDIFORD HOLDS B.A. IN ENGLISH AND M.A. IN ECONOMICS).

5. PREVIOUS USG GRANT: INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE AT EMBASSY

6. ESCORT SERVICES: REQUIRED

7. TENTATIVE VISA ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION - FAVORABLE

8. REASON FOR NOMINATION: SANDIFORD'S RECENT ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF THE RULING DEMOCRATIC LABOUR PARTY GIVES HIM A CLEAR ADVANTAGE OVER ALL OTHERS IN EVENTUAL CONTEST TO SUCCEED BARROW AS PRIME MINISTER. CONSEQUENTLY, A VISITORS' GRANT SEEMS HIGHLY JUSTIFIED IN VIEW OF SANDIFORD'S PRESENT AND POTENTIAL POSITION.

9. POST OBJECTIVE: TO INCREASE UNDERSTANDING OF THE US BY AN IMPORTANT POLITICAL LEADER MINISTER, AND PRESIDENT OF THE RULING DLP, WHO IS IN A POSITION TO INFLUENCE A BROAD SPECTRUM OF BARBADIANS, ESPECIALLY IN EDUCATIONAL CIRCLES AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.

10. INFORMATION RE MINISTER'S PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS AND TRAVEL DATA BEING SENT IN SEPARATE TELEGRAM.

11. PER DIEM RECOMMENDED: DOLS 45; FIRST-CLASS TRAVEL ALSO RECOMMENDED.
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